

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 4 as follows:

In accordance with the present invention the telephones 10 are selectively connected to the off site switch telephone network 16 over an Internet Protocol (IP) network 18 ~~which includes a~~ via Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) gateway 26. The Internet Protocol (IP) network may be a Wide Area Network (WAN) or a local area network (LAN). Computer 12 selectively connects the telephones with the Voice over Internet Protocol gateway 26. The Internet Protocol ("IP") is a routing protocol designed to route traffic within a network or between networks. Voice-over-IP is a method for providing voice capabilities over an IP network such as the Internet or an intranet. In such networks data packets are sent to and from communication sites to facilitate communication. In communication systems utilizing a Voice over Internet Protocol (IP) protocol, these packets are commonly referred to as datagrams. In typical Voice over IP networks, each communication site sends datagrams to other communication sites. There are different approaches to sending datagrams.